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SUBJECT: DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE
.
1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 5 THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE, PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, WHICH THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) WILL DISCUSS INFORMALLY ON MAY 10.

2. ANNEXED TO THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IS A PROPOSED SEPARATE STATEMENT OUTLINING THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP) FOR MINISTERIAL ENDORSEMENT. IN HIS COVER NOTE (PARA 4 BELOW), ASYG MUMFORD RAISES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL REPORT ON THE LTDP PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT.
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3. WE WILL PROVIDE OUR COMMENT SEPTEL.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF COVER NOTE:
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. 1. I ATTACH FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING GROUP A FIRST DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE

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FOR THE MEETING OF DEFENCE MINISTERS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN
BRUSSELS ON 18TH AND 19TH MAY, 1978. YOU WILL NOTE THAT
THE DRAFT CONTAINS AT ANNEX A PROPOSED SEPARATE STATEMENT
ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMMES WHICH THE DEFENCE
MINISTERS ARE BEING ASKED TO ENDORSE AT THEIR LEVEL
WHEN THEY MEET IN BRUSSELS. NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WILL
WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT SUCH A
SUBSTANTIAL REPORT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE DEFENCE
MINISTERS, IN ADVANCE OF THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT, ON
THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

. 2. AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH WILL BE TO INCLUDE IN THE
BODY OF THE COMMUNIQUE A SHORTER SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMMES
WHICH THE DEFENCE MINISTERS WILL BE INVITED TO APPROVE
AT THEIR LEVEL. END TEXT OF COVER NOTE.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AND ANNEX:
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.
DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION
BRUSSELS, 18TH AND 19TH MAY, 1978

DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

1. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
TREATY ORGANIZATION MET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION IN BRUSSELS
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ON 18TH AND 19TH MAY, 1978.

2. DEFENCE MINISTERS CONDUCTED THEIR DISCUSSIONS AGAINST
THE BACKGROUND OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL AND DEFENCE ISSUES
TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATO MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON ON 30TH
AND 31ST MAY. IN PREPARATION FOR THAT MEETING, THEY
APPROVED, FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT, A REPORT ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME
WHICH HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED AT THE LONDON SUMMIT MEETING
IN MAY 1977; AS PART OF THAT PROGRAMME, THEY GAVE THEIR
APPROVAL TO A NUMBER OF MAJOR PROGRAMMES FOR IMPROVING
THE DETERRENT AND DEFENCE CAPABILITIES OF THE ALLIANCE.

3. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR NATO'S
COORDINATED DEFENCE ACTIVITY PROVIDED BY THE MINISTERIAL
GUIDANCE THEY HAD ISSUED IN MAY 1977. THIS REFLECTED THE
POLITICAL RESOLVE EXPRESSED BY NATIONS AT THE SUMMIT IN
MAY 1977 TO MEET THE CHALLENGE TO THEIR SECURITY POSED BY
THE CONTINUING MOMENTUM OF THE WARSAW PACT BUILD-UP, WHICH
IS RESULTING IN A WIDENING DISPARITY IN CONVENTIONAL
MILITARY CAPABILITIES BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT.

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THE EMPHASIS WAS PLACED BY THE GUIDANCE ON CONVENTIONAL FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND ESPECIALLY ON NATO'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO AN ATTACK BY READY FORCES AFTER VERY LITTLE WARNING.

4. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, MINISTERS REVIEWED THE OVERALL SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE LIGHT OF EVENTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. IN PARTICULAR, THEY CONSIDERED THE PRESENT STATE OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA AND THE RECENT WESTERN INITIATIVE INTRODUCED IN

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THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. THEY WERE ALSO APPRAISED OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS AND REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATION IN THE ALLIANCE ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THESE TALKS. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO ACHIEVE ARMS CONTROL AND LIMITATIONS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE GENERAL PURSUIT OF DETENTE, BUT THEY STRESSED THAT THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS TO THAT END MUST IN NO WAY DIMINISH THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE.
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5. MINISTERS HEARD A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND

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GROWTH IN THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF THE WARSAW PACT
AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MILITARY BALANCE WITH NATO.
THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE MILITARY POWER OF
THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUED TO GROW, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS
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CAPABILITIES TO DEPLOY NEW OFFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEMS
AGAINST THE WHOLE OF THE EUROPEAN THEATRE AND TO PROJECT
ITS POWER, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR BY PROXY, ON A GLOBAL SCALE.
MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS
FOR WESTERN SECURITY.

6. MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT IMPORTANT MEASURES
HAD BEEN TAKEN, OR WERE IN TRAIN, TO COUNTER THE EXISTING
ADVERSE TRENDS IN THE BALANCE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES
BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT. UNDER NATO'S ESTAB-
LISHED DEFENCE PLANNING PROCEDURES, THEY ENDORSED NEW
NATO FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD 1979-1984, WHICH COVER THE
WHOLE SPECTRUM OF NATO'S FORCE CAPABILITIES AND WHICH HAD
BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING
COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION. THEY INVITED MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE NATO FORCE GOALS AS A MAJOR
CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MEETING THE CHALLENGE POSED BY THE
CONTINUING BUILD-UP OF WARSAW PACT FORCES. IN THIS CON-
TEXT, THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ALMOST ALL
COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO ADJUST THEIR
FINANCIAL PLANS FOR DEFENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A THREE
PER CENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN REAL TERMS; AND THAT THIS
WELCOME DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTED A MAJOR ADVANCE COMPARED
WITH THE NATIONAL POSITIONS THAT HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE
1977 NATO DEFENCE REVIEW.

7. MINISTERS ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONTINUING NEEDS OF
PORTUGAL AND TURKEY FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND REAFFIRMED
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLIDARITY AND
VITAL SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE OF THE EARLY IMPLE-
MENTATION OF DEFENCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO
THE SOUTH-EASTERN FLANK. MINISTERS AGREED THAT, WHILE
SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
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THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO
PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE.

8. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THAT THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE
PROGRAMME WAS RELATED IN PARTICULAR TO THE CALL IN THE

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MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR NATO'S DEFENCE PLANNING, INCORPORATING A LONGER-TERM APPROACH, AND THUS ENABLING THE COLLECTIVE NEEDS OF THE ALLIANCE TO BE TAKEN MORE INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DEVELOPMENT
.
OF NATIONAL PLANS AND PROGRAMMES. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE PROGRAMMES SUBMITTED TO THEM CONTRIBUTED TO THIS OBJECTIVE, BOTH IN THEIR PROJECTION OF NATO'S MILITARY NEEDS UP TO AND BEYOND 1990 AND THE EMPHASIS THEY PLACED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A GREATER DEGREE OF COOPERATION AND RATIONALISATION IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

9. WITHIN THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME, MINISTERS APPROVED, OR ENDORSED FOR SUBMISSION TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, A WIDE RANGE OF MEASURES IN THE PRIORITY AREAS OF READINESS, REINFORCEMENT, RESERVE MOBILIZATION, MARITIME POSTURE, AIR DEFENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMAND AND CONTROL, ELECTRONIC WARFARE, CONSUMER LOGISTICS AND RATIONALISATION. THEY ALSO ENDORSED A REPORT PREPARED BY NATO'S NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP ON ACTION TO MEET MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM NEEDS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THEATRE NUCLEAR FORCES. MINISTERS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SUPPORT FOR THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE SHOULD BE GIVEN AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMMES APPROVED BY THE DEFENCE MINISTERS IS ATTACHED TO THIS COMMUNIQUE.

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10. MINISTERS ALSO NOTED THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION ON A NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARY MEASURES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MAIN PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING NO COST/LOW COST MEASURES WHICH, TAKEN TOGETHER, PRODUCE WORTHWHILE DEFENCE IMPROVEMENTS AT RELATIVELY SMALL COST AND ARE CAPABLE IN MANY CASES OF IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SHORT-TERM. MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT THE STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTION WOULD BE INITIATED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT.

11. (EUROGROUP: TEXT TO BE SUPPLIED.)

12. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF A REPORT BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) ON MAJOR ISSUES
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IN THE FIELD OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLIANCE TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDIZATION AND/OR INTEROPERABILITY OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. THEY WELCOMED THE INITIATIVES OF NINE (TEN) MEMBER NATIONS IN SIGNING AN AGREEMENT TO OBSERVE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR A HIGHLY ACCURATE SATELLITE NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM.
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13. MINISTERS NOTED WITH INTEREST THE PROGRESS TO DATE ON THE TRIALS BEING CONDUCTED ON THE NATO ARMAMENTS PLANNING REVIEW AND REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER STUDIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM. THEY ALSO NOTED THE PROGRESS BEING MADE TOWARDS THE INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS.

14. MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR OTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE CNAD TOWARDS GREATER RATIONALISATION IN THE WHOLE EQUIPMENT AREA BOTH THROUGH THE "TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE" AND BY IMPROVING STANDARDIZATION AND/OR INTEROPERABILITY THROUGH COOPERATIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMES AND WELCOMED THE SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

15. (NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING TO BE DRAFTED FOLLOWING THE NAC/DPC MEETING OF 9TH MAY.)

16. MINISTERS, REAFFIRMING THAT THE COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE

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PROGRAMME REMAINS ONE OF NATO'S MOST EFFECTIVE COOPERATIVE DEFENCE EFFORTS, NDTED THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEM FOR APPROVAL IN DECEMBER 1978.

17. IN CONCLUSION, MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THAT THE COMMON
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DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. THEY STRESSED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE CONTINUED FREEDOM, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND WELFARE OF THEIR SOCIETIES AND FOR THE FURTHERING OF DETENTE. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE BASIS OF ALLIANCE SECURITY LAY IN THE POLITICAL SOLIDARITY AND RESOLVE OF THE MEMBER NATIONS AND THE SCALE OF EFFORT THEY WERE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE FOR THE COMMON DEFENCE.
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BEGIN TEXT OF ANNEX:

MEASURES APPROVED BY DEFENCE MINISTERS
AT THEIR MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON
18TH AND 19TH MAY, 1978

. 1. THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMMES APPROVED AT THE LEVEL OF DEFENCE MINISTERS WHEN THEY MET IN BRUSSELS ON 18TH AND 19TH MAY, IN PREPARATION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME AT THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON ON 30TH AND 31ST MAY, ARE AS FOLLOWS.

READINESS

. 2. DEFENCE MINISTERS APPROVED PROGRAMMES WHICH INCLUDE INCREASES IN THE MID-TERM TO NATIONAL HOLDINGS OF TANKS, ANTI-ARMOUR WEAPONS AND MISSILES, ARMED HELICOPTERS AND MODERN AIR-TO-SURFACE WEAPONS, THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE LONGER TERM OF COMMON FAMILIES OF ANTI-ARMOUR AND AIR-TO-SURFACE WEAPONS, THE PROVISION OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AGAINST CHEMICAL WARFARE TO MEET NATO STANDARDS AND

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IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ABILITY OF COMBAT FORCES TO UPLOAD AMMUNITION AT SHORT NOTICE. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF NATIONS HAVE AGREED TO INCREASE THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT OF THEIR FORCES. MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO IMPROVE THE REACTION TIME OF THE 1ST NETHERLANDS CORPS ARE CONTINUING.

REINFORCEMENT

. 3. DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE ENDORSED PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT, IN PERIODS OF RISING TENSION OR CRISIS, ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AS A WHOLE AND CERTAIN OTHER AREAS CAN BE RAPIDLY REINFORCED. THESE PROGRAMMES INVOLVE THE COMMITMENT OF CIVIL AIR, SEA, LAND AND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES TO THE REINFORCEMENT TASK; THEY ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT OF A SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT OF FIGHTING POWER TO THE FORWARD AREAS
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IN THE CRITICAL EARLY PHASE, OF WHICH A MAJOR FEATURE IS PREPOSITIONING IN 1982, WITH THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY FACILITIES BY THE EUROPEAN ALLIES, OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES DIVISIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE.
.
RESERVE MOBILIZATION

. 4. DEFENCE MINISTERS, NOTING THAT NATO'S DEFENCE POSTURE, PARTICULARLY IN ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE, IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THE TIMELY DEPLOYMENT OF RESERVE UNITS, HAVE

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APPROVED ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT RESERVISTS AND RESERVE FORMATIONS ARE PROPERLY EQUIPPED, TRAINED AND ARE CAPABLE OF BEING RAPIDLY MOVED AND DEPLOYED TO THE UNITS AND LOCATIONS WHERE THEY ARE REQUIRED. THE PROGRAMMES ALSO CALL FOR A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER PROVIDING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ADDITIONAL RESERVE BRIGADES OVER THE LONG TERM.

MARITIME POSTURE

. 5. DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE APPROVED PROGRAMMES TO MAKE GOOD CRITICAL, QUALITATIVE DEFICIENCIES IN EXISTING AND PLANNED NAVAL FIGHTING UNITS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MARITIME COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS, AIR DEFENCE OF NAVAL UNITS, IMPROVED ANTI-SUBMARINE CAPABILITIES, ANTI-SURFACE DEFENCE AND MINE WARFARE CAPABILITIES. MINISTERS ALSO RECOGNISED THAT THE MOST SERIOUS DEFICIENCY LAY IN SHORTAGES IN THE NUMBER OF SHIPS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT AND AGREED THAT SPECIFIC REMEDIES FOR THESE SHORTFALLS SHOULD BE SOUGHT UNDER ESTABLISHED NATO PLANNING PROCEDURES.

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. 6. DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE AGREED ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITIES, RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT DETAILED PLANNING AND REFINEMENT. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ALLIANCE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM; INTEROPERABLE, JAM-RESISTANT, SECURE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT; MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AIR COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM; ACQUISITION OF IMPROVED INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT; AND THE STRENGTHENING OF SURFACE-TO-AIR DEFENCES.
.
COMMUNICATIONS, COMMAND AND CONTROL

. 7. DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE A NUMBER OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE ALLIANCE WITH IMPROVED, SECURE, SURVIVABLE AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AUTOMATED, STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THE MID- AND LONG-TERM. IN APPROVING THESE PROGRAMMES, MINISTERS AGREED THAT THEY WERE ESSENTIAL TO POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND IN WAR AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE DIRECTION OF FORCES.

ELECTRONIC WARFARE

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. 8. DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE APPROVED PROGRAMMES TO BRING ABOUT MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO'S CAPABILITY TO COUNTER THE SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC WARFARE THREAT POSED BY THE WARSAW PACT. THE PROGRAMMES COVER LAND, AIR AND MARITIME FORCES, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO'S ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES IN THIS FIELD.

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CONSUMER LOGISTICS

. 9. DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE APPROVED PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE LOGISTICS READINESS OF THE ALLIANCE, IN PARTICULAR IN THE AREA OF ESSENTIAL WAR RESERVE STOCKS. THE AIM IS TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT TO THE AGREED NATO POLICY THAT COORDINATION OF LOGISTICS SUPPORT SHOULD BE VESTED IN THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAMMES WILL ENHANCE THE STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

RATIONALISATION

. 10. DEFENCE MINISTERS ENDORSED PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE MILITARY EFFEC-

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TIVENESS THROUGH BETTER USE OF AVAILABLE DEFENCE RESOURCES AND THROUGH GREATER STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. THEY PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT FOR INCREASED COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BASED ON AN EFFECTIVE ALLIANCE LONG-RANGE ARMAMENTS PLANNING PROCESS.

. 11. MINISTERS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SUPPORT FOR THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE SHOULD BE SOUGHT AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL AND TO THIS END HAVE FORWARDED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. THIS REPORT HAS IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR ENDORSEMENT OR DECISION AT THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT. END TEXT.
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